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Herald of HOLINESS

September 23, 1959

"Rise Up, O Men of God!"

General Superintendent Benner

Why the Church? Laymen! Whence the spiritual power of the Church? Laymen! By whom the greatest outreach of the Church? Laymen! For whom the ministry of the Church? Laymen!

The Church of Jesus Christ was placed in the world not primarily to give preachers a place to preach or a means of making a living. The Church is for the people—the lay people—who have given their hearts in full allegiance to Christ and who have consecrated their talents, their influence, their possessions to His blessed service. Let us thank God for our wonderful laymen.

Surely the Church must have a spiritual, aggressive, evangelistic ministry. But this is not enough. The Church must have a spiritual, aggressive, evangelistic laity. The days of greatest progress in the Church of the Nazarene have been those of the greatest spiritual initiative on the part of sanctified laymen.

As the early days of a denomination pass, and the desperate struggle for existence has been replaced by a certain assurance in numbers and financial ability, it is easy to sit back and enjoy the results of earlier success. But God calls those of every generation to a full and complete service that will justify their existence. We must not be willing to "live up" the spiritual capital of our inheritance, but must accept the will of God to produce some spiritual capital in our day.

God is giving to the Church of the Nazarene a growing group of fine, capable, trained laymen. But this in turn means a greater responsibility devolving upon our laity. It is our hope that this "Laymen's Issue" of the *Herald of Holiness* will not only serve to increase appreciation for our Nazarene laymen, but will stir all our lay people to more intense and zealous service for Christ and scriptural holiness. Thus, in the stirring words of William P. Merrill we say:

*Rise up, O men of God!
Have done with lesser things;
Give heart and soul and mind and
strength
To serve the King of Kings. . . .
Rise up, O men of God!
The church for you doth wait,*

*Her strength unequal to her task;
Rise up, and make her great!
Lift high the cross of Christ!
Tread where His feet have trod;
As brothers of the Son of Man
Rise up, O men of God!*



LATE NEWS

After pastoring the Cedar Springs Church on the Northwest Oklahoma District for the past five years, Rev. Harry Moyer has resigned to accept a unanimous call to pastor the church in Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Rev. John Ferguson, Sr., pastor, Gainesville, Texas, died suddenly of a heart attack on September 3, concluding thirty years of ministry in the Church of the Nazarene. He is survived by his wife, and his son, John, Jr., pastor at Yuba City, California.

After nearly eight years at East Rockaway, Long Island, New York, Rev. Donald H. Strong has accepted the pastorate at the church at Malden, Massachusetts.

A Close Communion with God

By K. BOYLE

Early in the morning is the time to "relax with God." As someone has rightly said, "The first hour of our day is the rudder for that day."

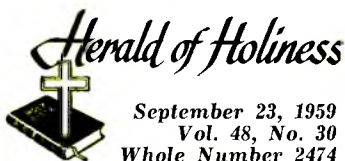
Somehow in the early morning the skies are bluer, the sun is brighter, and the dew is more sparkling. It is because we have taken time to meditate, time to watch the small things, time to realize that the God-created warmth of the sun aids all growing things.

Even the rainy mornings are wonderful for meditation. As we take time to watch the beating rains, it is then that we realize that God also sends the rains so necessary in plant growth.

The snowy winter mornings are even more challenging in bringing us close to God as we wait upon Him—the snowflakes piling up outside our window—quietly meditating upon the wonders of our Heavenly Father as we realize that each snowflake (thousands of them, each distinctly different) is a work of the great Creator.

The mornings in fall are exhilarating as we awaken early for communion with God. For, though the annuals may be gone, the trees have put on their brightest hues before they too rest for the winter. God reminds us as we commune with Him on these fall mornings that death is like that—a beautiful falling asleep to awaken in a fairer land.

The spring mornings are wonderful mornings to spend in early communion with the Lord. The grass is greener, the sun is warmer, and there is time to poke around in the garden to see if that dormant bulb has sprouted.



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These early morning hours throughout the year serve to strengthen my belief in my God, who is behind every sunrise and every sunset, every clocked movement of our great universe. So accurately does my Heavenly Father time all of His creation that we can know that on December 21 winter begins and that the following March 21 will begin our spring season.

Yes, these early mornings meditating with God allow me to see His footprints in everything, regardless of the weather or the season. And using the early mornings for my communion with God gives these days an edge over those past days that I had "fifteen minutes from bedroom to duty." I am refreshed by meeting God in the morning when my day is at its best.

Thank You Nazarenes of Canada

We wish to express appreciation for the splendid support Canadian Nazarenes have given to the program of world evangelism sponsored by the Church of the Nazarene. The fact that your Thanksgiving season is earlier than the one observed in the United States makes your offering date this year October 11. Therefore your gifts of thankfulness are always an inspiration. As you lead the procession again this year and join Nazarenes around the world in expressing gratitude to God for His manifold blessings, let us all pray that our gifts of love may be generous and enthusiastic. Again we say thank you for your exemplary support of the church's program.

—THE GENERAL STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

"When all the world was wicked, ungodly, and corrupt, Noah was just and perfect, walking with God. Thank God for the Noahs throughout the history of our holy faith, men who have had the moral fortitude to go 'cross current' to the wickedness of the world and walk with God. . . . It is being done by many who love God with a perfect love. . . . not in our own strength; . . . but our sufficiency is of God."—D. GEORGE MACDONALD.

THE SUMMER IS PAST

By F. W. Davis

*The days of summer have ended—
How much for the Lord have we done?
The cold, chilly air now reminds us
The harvest is over and gone.
The flow'rs in the garden have withered;
The trees are all fruitless and bare—
Have we done all we could for the Master,
Thro' our labor, our giving, and prayer?
Our harvest someday will be over;
Our summer of life here will fade.
No more will we toil in His vineyard—
Have we all of His orders obeyed?
When that cold, chilly hand that's so ruthless
Shall still this mortal old frame,
Will our record be clear up in heaven?
Will God have recorded our name?*

A Living Memorial

By J. HARLAN MILBY

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God's ways are not always easy for us to understand, nor are we to question His judgment. It is only important that we submit ourselves to His will for our lives.

This has always been my philosophy of the Christian life, but I did not fully realize its deeper meaning until one never-to-be-forgotten day in September, 1956.

Our only son, Tom, was a student at Olivet Nazarene College. He was completing his college work, and preparing to return home and enter the family business. We were called to the campus on Wednesday noon and told that our boy had acute leukemia, with only a few days to live. On the Sunday before, he had appeared to be the picture of health, but by the following Friday the blessed Heavenly Father had called him to that land where there will be no sorrow.

Our hopes, plans, and ambitions crashed at our feet, but at the open grave I seemed to hear two voices. One was the bright, clear testimony of a Christian son; the other the voice of an understanding, sympathizing Jesus. He seemed to be saying, "Tom is with Me, I am with you, and everything is all right." I went to my knees and offered a prayer of thanksgiving for the safe landing of our son, and also a prayer of rededication. I promised to follow the Lord through any door of service that He opened to me.

I was serving the church in every capacity in which I had been invited, and witnessing for the Lord in my daily business contacts, but God took me at my word and opened another door of service.

A few days after this experience Dr. Harold W. Reed, president of Olivet Nazarene College, invited me to serve as his assistant in charge of financial development for the school. After much prayer and consideration I rearranged my business affairs and entered this new field of Kingdom building.

God's plan and guidance for the raising of three million dollars for the expansion of our school was earnestly sought, and He who led us into the task has been guiding daily.

In the past eighteen months we have seen over \$300,000 come in, in cash and pledges, on a \$400,000 women's residence hall. An additional \$460,000 has been promised by businessmen of the city of Kankakee to be paid in the next ten years. We also have a wonderful group of more than one hundred born-again Nazarene businessmen who are starting this fall to call on foundations and large corporations and invite them to assist in expanding "education with a Christian purpose."

Our first of five proposed new buildings is about one-half completed, and will be completely underwritten on dedication day. The other four buildings will be constructed and underwritten on schedule. Our God will not call us to do a job and then permit us to fail.

As a memorial to a fine Christian son, I intend to redouble my efforts in Kingdom building, and keep myself pliable in the hands of the great Planner. Some glad morning I shall again clasp Tom's hand, and shall also view the blessed face of the One who never makes a mistake, and hear Him explain it all. Until then, I shall be faithful.

The Layman and

His District

Some time ago a very devout and loyal Christian gentleman met his district superintendent and after the usual greetings began to ask questions about the district and its progress. This was not unusual as he always makes such inquiry. The reason: He



By W. E. ALBEA

Superintendent of Western Ohio District

has given much of his time and talents toward supporting the program of the district. The lay-

man and the district of which he is a member are vitally related.

The Church of the Nazarene includes every local church organization in the whole denomination. It is then divided into districts. Each consists of those local churches in specific areas. The district church is the connecting link between the local and general church. It is the local church extending its borders for greater Christian service. From the viewpoint of the district, it is quite inspiring to find laymen who are willing to place themselves at its disposal. This is as it should be, seeing the layman is a part of the local program, and the local church is a part of the district. Should not every layman accept his place in the district and its program? The district program is identical with the denominational program with any additional feature voted by its district assembly.

There may not be the glamour and public acclaim in being a layman, as is often apparently given to the minister of Jesus Christ, yet the place of the layman is very important. He is very necessary, and the greater the number applying themselves in the work of the district, the greater the accomplishments.

In too many cases there are those who are timid and feel they do not have much to offer and can do but little. These need encouragement. A very fine layman in a growing and profitable business spoke of the encouragement he had received from his district. This aroused his concern and interest, resulting in quite a substantial investment in his district. It is important to him now.

The place of a layman is that of being a Christian first, last, and always. His place is a place of prayer. It is also a place of loyalty to Christ, a place of sacrifice, a place of devotion to truth and righteousness, a place of brotherly love, a place of

united effort in behalf of humanity, a place of co-operation with other Christians, a place of responsibility.

The establishment of proper relationship between the local and district church should be friendly and wholesome. It should be vital. Each layman must understand that his responsibility is more than just that; it is an opportunity to project his life into larger fields.

Some of the greatest contributions to the work and program of their districts have been made by laymen who have made their gifts and talents available. There have been many notables who have never been called to preach but whose lives have been highly helpful by their consistency of concern.

There is that thriving city church reporting 281 members because some fourteen years ago 4 disheartened and defeated ladies (and these were all that were left) felt free to take their burdens to the district superintendent and pour out their hearts. They suggested quitting. After prayer and some encouragement they agreed to trust God and make one more effort. By the help of the district and a wonderful pastor who knew how to lead them, there stands that lovely church where the saints are blessed and where many are finding the Lord. The district is now reaping results on account of the willingness of these 4 ladies to begin again.

The work of the district is not some extra burden placed upon the local church which is foreign to the work of the Kingdom. It is that which is vital and necessary, and is obedience to the Great Commission given to the Church.

For instance, home missions: Certainly every follower of Jesus Christ is interested in the program of home missions and is supporting it with prayer, effort, and finances. God would have us establish new churches in adjoining communities, especially when there are so many unchurched areas which we have not yet entered.

Such other items as church schools, our colleges, district centers, young people's work, evangelism, foreign missions belong to the work of the district. Every loyal layman should see the wisdom of following the district leadership to achieve the highest results in the conquest for souls, which is what this all amounts to. Jesus said to the Father in His great prayer: "As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world" (John 17:18).

There is a great army of Christian laymen everywhere who have been sent as Christ was sent. We must stand up and fight. This means not only the planning of a conquest, but everyone co-operating in this great conflict. Our time is short. The late Dr. R. T. Williams said, "One of the tragedies of life is the shortness of time. Another is the little we do in the midst of much."

Early Morning Watch

By LYLE PRESCOTT

*This ebony hour finds me wide-awake.
I cannot dream; the day is slow to break.
But shall I only toss and count the sheep
Because I lie awake and cannot sleep?*

*No, I shall use this extra time to pray.
What needed praise and thanks there are to say!
How many loved ones lie outside the fold!
Perhaps their rescue even now I hold!*

*Lord, grant me in these hours of open eyes
A prayer-wrought opening through the skies;
A time of sweeter fellowship with Thee,
To make the daytime what it ought to be!*

A View of the

Laymen's Activity in Our Church



By **FRANCIS L. SMEE**

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"Say, Wendel, are you and Madge going to the Laymen's Retreat this year?"

"Sure, Pete—after the wonderful experience last fall we wouldn't miss it for the world!"

Such is the typical conversation one might hear at any of the Nazarene churches on the Northern California District, where the Laymen's Retreat now rivals the Pastors' Conclave. Each fall more laymen attend the Retreat. Their enthusiastic reports are creating a contagion of "Retreat fever." Inspiration, relaxation, and fun with fellow Christians—that's Retreat. Fellowship and teamwork abound—from setting the dining hall tables to working up skits for fun periods.

A co-operative spirit toward the whole program of the church is the basic attitude of the responsible layman. He knows that our ministers, dedicated as they are, cannot carry the whole burden alone. He is loyal to the leadership of the church on all levels.

The loyal layman appreciates his pastor and his pastor's family, and he *shows* it. He encourages his fellow members to improve the parsonage and church properties, being himself on hand when a "work day" is called. When laymen work shoulder to shoulder on church projects, practically applying religion, they experience a personal "brotherhood tonic" seldom otherwise known. The alert layman co-operates with his pastor—visiting new prospects, making hospital calls, showing as energetic interest in the forward progress of his church as he does in the advancement of his own business affairs. He boosts his pastor, being concerned that his minister receive as good a salary as possible. Even cold-blooded corporations realize that it pays off to adequately compensate their key personnel.

Nazarene laymen actively support our colleges. Many of them owe their own Christian experience to the privilege they had of attending a Nazarene school. They serve as trustees and as members of development councils, advisory councils, boards of associates, and boards of friends. They give not merely money but also their energy, time, and counsel. When the college launches a building program, the consecrated layman sees the vision for the needs of our young people. To him destinies outweigh dollars. Not only does he pledge sacri-

ficially and pay—he gladly gives his time to present the need wherever asked to do so on his educational zone. He includes his Nazarene college for a substantial gift in his will. Our colleges can survive only if Nazarene laymen keep this vision and burden for our responsibility to our youth.

A burning interest in missions, both at home and around the world, characterizes our laymen. Some of the most energetic missionary groups are composed of both men's and women's chapters. One men's chapter recently took as a project the raising of two "missionary calves." They purchased two newborn calves and raised and fattened them on the ranch of a member. Periodic progress reports on the missionary stock livened their meetings. At sale time they brought a good price—an excellent special offering for foreign missions. These laymen, both men and women, correspond directly with our missionaries on the field. They find real pleasure in filling and sending missionary boxes with the medical supplies, clothing, and other special requests received in their letters from missionary fellow workers.

The home mission outreach is another vital phase of laymen's activity. On the Northern California District the young people raise the funds paid for the pastoral support in home mission churches. The pledging of this money at N.Y.P.S. district convention is a time of hilarity and blessing. Members of the "\$2.00 Home Mission Club" throughout the district send in two dollars each whenever Dr. George Coulter, our district superintendent, makes a "\$2.00 Home Mission" call. Each such call results in a substantial sum being given a new home mission church with which to purchase property. Our laymen gladly give also to the R. T. Williams Revolving Fund to further implement the program by making funds available for loans to young churches.

Enthusiastic co-operation with the *whole* program of the church—this is the distinguishing characteristic of the laymen who spark these activities. They demonstrate what can be accomplished for the Kingdom through practically applied religion. God give us more laymen who are enthusiastic and "full of faith and power."

A Layman

as



a Foreign Missionary

By **BARTLETT P. McKay**

Missionary on Furlough from Japan; Now at Orofino, Idaho

I was born while my father was attending Pasadena College preparing for the ministry, and grew up under the influence of a Nazarene pastor's home and the church. After three years in the U.S. Army during World War II, I returned home and entered Northwest Nazarene College. I did not have a call to the ministry but felt definitely led to select a major in religion for my undergraduate work. After my graduation, the Lord led me first into a study of radio engineering, and later into the field of education.

As I looked over my varied training and what seemed to me a very winding path, I could not help but wonder if somewhere along the line I had misunderstood God's will for my life. However, I felt that I had both listened and followed as closely as I could, and as I took up a teaching position in a junior high school in northeastern Washington, I determined in my heart to be the best teacher and layman that I could.

The Lord used a letter from Dr. W. A. Eckel to interest me in going to Japan. Dr. Eckel wrote of the needs of the Bible school, not only physical plant needs, but also the need for teachers. The Lord showed me clearly that this was the answer to the questions regarding my training which had bothered me for so many years. A background in the fields of both religion and education was needed for teaching in the Bible school. As we responded to the call, the church commissioned us to go, and before very long we found ourselves in the Land of the Rising Sun.

I do not know why the Lord did not give me a call to the ministry along with a call to the mission field, for I would have welcomed it. But that is another one of the things which must be left in the Lord's hands. However, at the request of the authorities on the mission field I applied for and received a district minister's license. On our field, the line of demarcation between the ordained and the lay missionary has been almost nonexistent, except for those functions specifically reserved for the ordained elder.

My work has centered in two main areas—that of teaching in the Bible school, and in the preparation and tape recording of Japanese-language radio programs. The education of our future pastors is a task of unequal importance. Japan is a very literate country; her people are by far the best

educated in all Asia, and the individual Japanese has a seemingly insatiable thirst for knowledge. Our Bible school must not only furnish an atmosphere suitable for the development of pastoral character; it must also provide high standards of academic learning if our graduates are to adequately minister to lost souls in their communities.

Again, Japan is a very compact country—millions of people must live in a small area. Because of this, large numbers of people can be reached through radio and television. A single radio station in Tokyo covers an area where fifteen million people live.

My heart rejoiced when the opportunity for radio broadcasting came, for once again I could see the Lord's purpose in my training in this field. We started with a little home-type recorder and broadcast the programs over the facilities of the Far East Broadcasting Company in Manila. These messages were beamed back to Japan on short-wave stations. While it was not the most efficient means of broadcasting to the Japanese, it was a start; and the response from listeners throughout all the islands of Japan, Formosa, and Okinawa proved the validity of the effort.

The Lord marvelously prospered the radio work through the help of Nazarene service personnel stationed in Japan. Studio facilities are such now that we can produce programs equal in technical quality to those of any studio in Japan. An electronic organ has been built, which adds much to our music. A staff of five full-time national workers, besides myself, is producing thirty-six Japanese and four Russian-language programs each month. Besides a local broadcast in Tokyo each Sunday morning, our programs are broadcast over the facilities of the Far East Broadcasting Company both in Okinawa and in the Philippine Islands.

We are so thankful for what has been done and for the wonderful way in which the Lord has provided, but the surface of the existing opportunity has hardly been scratched. Our hearts cry out to the Lord to supply the needs which remain.

In addition to teaching in the Bible school, and the radio work, it has been a great joy to be out among our churches, preaching or teaching, whichever one might call it. We were also privileged to see a church organized in Sangenjaya, Tokyo, which grew out of children's services in our home. Best

of all, the Lord has given us souls, both at the altar and in personal work.

One of the major tenets of my personal philosophy of life is that the call to Christian service is universal. God in His wisdom has seen fit to call some to special offices in the Church, and some to

special fields—but the responsibility for spreading the gospel rests equally upon every Christian. Each of us has an area of influence which is his alone. Unless I shoulder my responsibility, a ministry that should have been accomplished will remain unfinished throughout eternity.

The LAYMAN

and

his CHURCH



By KENNETH S. RICE

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The future advancement of the Church lies largely in the untapped resources of consecrated time and abilities of the laymen of the church. The many and varied demands on the time of the modern-day minister make it impossible for him to expand his interests and abilities much further than they have now been stretched. Like a taut rubber band, the minister first loses his spiritual elasticity and becomes a robot of the routine, finally breaking under the multiplicity of responsibilities. Pastors have a high mortality rate on life insurance actuary tables.

While on vacation recently I was riding to prayer meeting with a lay member of a local church. Just before we left the house he had a call from one of the members who was in the habit of riding regularly to church with this family, saying she was not going to prayer meeting. The pastor was on vacation and this layman remarked, "Just because the pastor is away some will not come to-night." As we drove to the church we passed other members' homes in which the lights were still burning, and again this layman exclaimed with loving concern, "It looks like some others won't be there either." I sensed the same disappointment and heart bleeding on the part of this layman that I feel for my own congregation as I sense a lack of loyalty to God and spiritual concern for His work.

I thought to myself, This is the kind of lay attitude we need in the Church of the Nazarene. What had caused the difference between this layman who was not only present but genuinely concerned about those who weren't and these others who weren't concerned enough to be there themselves, to say nothing about being concerned about others?

LAYMEN NEED THE CHURCH

Laymen need the church not only as a source of spiritual food in Bible study, worship, and Christian fellowship, but as a means of expressing their stewardship in service. The time, ability, and love of a lay Christian must be shared with others the same as his money. "Living by giving" is a true axiom relating to our total life. It pertains to laymen the same as ministers. Christ's words, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," are still true.

Our director of Christian education recently recruited a young father to drive one of the Sunday school buses. He had attended the church for some time but had not been saved. He came into the church on Saturday to get the keys to the bus. When he came into the study where we were going over the plans for Sunday, he was beaming. I told him how happy I was that he was taking this responsibility. After I had commented on what a blessing he would be to the unchurched children he would be bringing in on the bus, he looked at me with real interest and genuine anticipation on his face, and said, "Maybe this will help me get closer to God." The life story of many others is evidence of the fact that he will.

"Interest is equal to investment" is true in the church as well as in other phases of life. The layman's interest in the church and in the kingdom of God is increased in proportion to the investment he makes of himself and his possessions. Many have held steady in their Christian experience through turbulent times because of responsibilities they had for the salvation of others.

Elton Trueblood in *Alternative to Futility* says, "If you want a vital church constituency make all within your society members of the crew and permit no passengers." Laymen are needed for much more than a source for paying the bills. They are the church. They are the sermons that are preached through the week. They are the hands that minister to the one left at the side of life's road, robbed, beaten, broken, and passed by. They are the feet that move into Jerusalem and Judea and unto the uttermost parts of the earth. They are the crew members of the good ship "Grace," that is piloted by our Pilot and Redeemer, Christ Jesus, our Lord. May God save us from having or being passengers rather than crew members.

As the Early Church selected men "of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom," to take over the business of the Church, so the disciples could be free to give themselves to "prayer, and to the ministry of the word" (Acts 6:3-4), so the church needs laymen to be the businessmen of the church, so the pastor can be the *spiritual* leader of the church.

Too many ministers have had to become ad-

ministrators, builders, repairmen, and glorified errand boys; consequently the ministry of the Word and prayer have suffered.

WHAT CAN BE DONE?

The first responsibility is with the pastor. He must see the need and possibility of utilizing laymen and then be big enough to share responsibility and authority. We have no right to expect a layman to do a job without authority to do the job right. It also is the pastor's responsibility to see that the layman knows what he is to do, why he is to do it, and how it should be done. This may mean a training program as well as counsel and instruction.

The other responsibility is the layman's. He has a commission the same as the minister. The "ye" in "Go ye" pertains to all laymen as well as ministers. We are all called to be full-time Christians. This means following the footsteps of Christ—steps that always lead to services of love.

Why was the layman concerned about the prayer meeting crowd when the pastor was on vacation? Because he had been given responsibility as a young Christian and for some thirty-five years had found "joy in serving Jesus."

By **ROCKWELL BRANK**

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The Layman



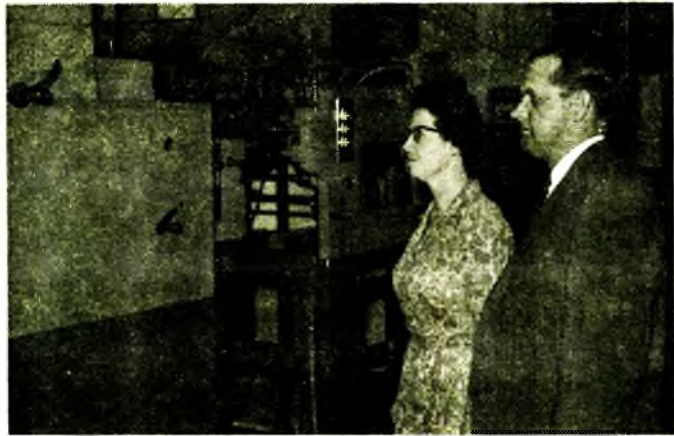
and the Fine Arts

Nazarenes are becoming more and more aware of the fine arts and of their need of a better understanding and appreciation of them. This is a good trend—because the total witness of any group toward the world around it is impaired by lack of knowledge in this important area of human activity. As Christians hoping to win others, we cannot expect to attract those whose major interests lie in the fine arts if we ourselves have no understanding of them. The expanding field of modern art leaves most of us in the dark.

Only a study of art in its relation to history will enable us to evaluate modern art and thus enlarge our understanding of the age in which we live. The textbooks tell us that art is the expression of people's attitudes toward the major aspects of their times. We live in an age of shallowness, hatred, fear, and confusion. Modern art is clearly mirroring our epoch.

While our colleges are making progress in bringing the arts to the attention of students, the layman at home will have to rely on the local library for his education. There he will find many books introducing him to the fundamentals and history of the arts. Look into them—you will discover a whole new world of interest. You will form your own personal preferences for one or another style of painting, sculpture, or architecture.

Only a few can be professional artists—but many have talent which can be developed and used in furthering the kingdom of God and the cause of holiness. Anyone with a little art training can make flannelgraph backgrounds for missionaries and Sunday school workers. Chalk talk work is a special and immensely attractive form that has been used to great effect. The decoration of the wall space above the baptismal tank in your church might be a project you would like to undertake.



THE CANDID CAMERA caught Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Hurn, visiting the Publishing House, as they looked over the new lithographic TPJ Miller press that prints in two colors or in one color both sides at the same time. This is the first press of this type in the Kansas City area. Mr. Hurn is the new superintendent of the Abilene District.

Some churches already have beautiful paintings in this spot. Draperies may be hung in front of the picture and opened only during baptismal services. Other ways you can contribute are in the illustration of a Sunday school lesson, designs for the church bulletin, background scenery for young people's dramatic, Christmas, and other special programs.

Christians should plan carefully the decoration of their homes. Garish colors and bad taste may offend someone you are trying to win. He may hesitate to make friends with the person whose home exhibits bad taste. I believe that anyone can decorate. I have never met a woman who could not artistically arrange flowers in a vase. Everyone knows the feeling of getting flowers just "right." Somehow we know when the arrangement looks good—we feel it. It is the same with home decorating. Take the trouble to carry samples of drapery, rug, and furniture colors with you when you shop, so that you can make on-the-spot matches of colors. This way you will achieve harmony and your home will be attractive to all. Good taste here is as important as in your dress and habits.

There is a thrill in creative activity—it is a wonderful feeling to stand back and gaze at a painting you have finished and say, "I did that and it is good." But to use your talent for the bringing of people closer to the Lord Jesus Christ transforms the thrill into a permanent blessing.

I Walked the Corridors of Time

By MRS. W. M. FRANKLIN

*I walked the corridors of time
Past doors to rooms alluring.
My hope was not in things of earth
But in God's love enduring.*

*The "Door of Pleasure" stood ajar,
The "Door of Rest from Labor,"
The "Door of Friendship for the World,"
The "Door of Sword and Saber,"*

*The "Door of Education" too,
The "Door of Easy Money,"
The "Door of Fear," the "Door of Gloom,"
The "Door of Days-more-sunny."*

*But at the end of that long hall
Stood Christ, the DOOR eternal,
To open wide the door for me—
The "Door of Peace" supernal!*

The man who sincerely prays always honestly pays. No one is afraid to trust him and credit him.
—W. E. ISENHOUR.

EDITORIALS.....By *Stephen S. White*

Another Semi-special Issue

At this time we bring to you a Laymen's Issue; this means that most of the articles are by our laymen or have to do with their work. Dr. Hugh C. Benner agreed to sponsor this issue, and his assistance has been invaluable. He suggested the general theme and gave many helpful ideas as to subjects which should be discussed. Also, his knowledge of the laymen in our church, as well as of our ministers, greatly helped me in the selection of the writers. In addition, he provided the front page, which fits in with the theme in a special way.

I have been thrilled as I have worked with these semi-special issues. Each has presented that which is new and different. I am grateful to all who have contributed to this one. They responded readily and have presented material which will bless and help our readers.

Was I Surprised!

In my early pastoral experience, occasionally I would try to find out why certain people had come to the altar and been saved or sanctified. I suppose I was motivated by a desire to know just how much my preaching had to do with it. After several investigations along this line, I dropped the idea completely. Why? I got discouraged. I discovered that the chief human influence was often some layman. It might even be someone who was not too prominent in the work of the church. He was a faithful member but not often, if ever, in the limelight. However the person who had been reached for God would tell me at once that it was this person's life which moved him to come to God. He had worked by him in the shop and watched him day by day and had become convinced that there was something in the religion which he professed. It was largely his friend's unconscious influence—the way he reacted to life with its disappointments and difficulties—which brought him under conviction and caused him to seek the Lord. Or it might have been in some other situation that he had been associated with this person, but the result was the same. After all, the layman

often has a better opportunity to reach those who are without Christ than does the minister.

The Christian's Crowning Virtue

"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" (Revelation 2:10). What God wants most of all in Christians is faithfulness. He seeks for people upon whom He can depend, people who will always be in their place. God can't get along without such followers, and no local congregation can survive without some faithful people—faithful in spite of weather, faithful in spite of friends, faithful in spite of relatives, faithful in spite of headaches, faithful in spite of any and all other demands upon them. God is truly first with them. If they teach Sunday school classes, they are there and ready to teach, regardless of seemingly impossible hindrances. The same is true as to their tithing, giving of offerings, attendance at the church services, interest in revivals, and loyalty to their leaders. Faithfulness is the Christian's crowning virtue.

No wonder the Apostle Paul said, "Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful" (I Corinthians 4:2). Christians are stewards, stewards of the riches of God's kingdom; and they, above everything else, should be faithful in handling them.

The five wise virgins were faithful—they had oil in their lamps when the bridegroom came; they were not shut out, as the five foolish virgins were. Faithfulness must be constant, for we never know when the Master may come and check on us. "Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh" (Matthew 25:13). The Son of Man came in His glory and separated the sheep from the goats; He divided the faithful from the faithless. The reward was for those who kept on the job, who fulfilled their duties, whose lives were marked by faithfulness. They ministered to the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick, and the prisoner. No wonder Jesus said to these faithful ones, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom pre-

pared for you from the foundation of the world" (Matthew 25:34).

Then there is the parable of the talents. To one man the Master gave five talents, to another two, and to another one. The one-talent man was faithless; he did nothing; he did not use what he had. He did not put his strength, his time, and his life into the service of the Master. You know what the Master said to him: "Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not straved: thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury" (Matthew 25:26-27). Then the Master had the talent taken away from him, and the "unprofitable servant" was cast into "outer darkness," where "there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

It was different with the two-talent and the five-talent men. Each one doubled his talents; he used his talents; he was faithful. To each of these the Master said: "Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord" (Matthew 25:23). "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

We can never afford to be careless about our faithfulness; we must keep it up until the last day. No more wonderful compliment could be paid to any man in any legitimate activity in life than to say that he was "faithful"—not how much he did, but how well he did what he did; how careful he was to do what he could, what he was obligated to do. The climactic statement here is Luke 16:10: "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much; and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much." These words are given to us in connection with the parable of the unjust steward or, you might say, the unfaithful steward. Be faithful in what talents, what gifts, what opportunities you do have, and God will place you in the same class with any other person who is faithful, even though many of these other persons may have much more in the way of gifts, talents, and opportunities than you have. It is not how much, but how well; it is not necessarily filling the big place, but filling full whatever place is yours, however small it may be—that is faithfulness. "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

Tributes to two leaders in different local churches came to my desk recently. They were in church bulletins and were about two women whom Mrs. White and I know well. The tributes are not

similar in form or wording and neither has the term faithful in it. Nevertheless, faithfulness is definitely implied in all that is said. I conclude this article with excerpts from these two tributes:

"The story of the life of —— is largely the story of the Church of the Nazarene in this city. She was instrumental in its organization more than thirty years ago. After her oldest son was born, a friend who had been praying for her helped her pray through to salvation. Then they started cottage prayer meetings and soon afterwards a revival meeting was arranged for. This was followed by the organization of the Church of the Nazarene. She was elected Sunday school superintendent and held this office for more than ten years. Now she is teacher of the Ladies' Bible Class. She has truly been a 'pillar of the church' and can be counted on to fill her place of responsibility dependably. Her motto, 'others,' is well illustrated by the fact that every Sunday she brings several people to church."

LOOK BEYOND

By GRACE V. WATKINS

*"The waves are rough and gray," I said,
But the captain answered, "Look ahead
To the sunny harbor as calm and blue
As August when the day is new."
Since then, how often I have turned
To far horizons, having learned
That seeming barriers are small
For those whose faith is strong and tall;
That past the boulders lies a bright
Blue harbor glorious with light,
That One who stilled the troubled sea
Will guide my sailing ship for me!*

The second tribute reads thus: "Combining an unflagging vision with patience and tact, she has given First Church outstanding missionary leadership for several years. Her Texas hospitality and friendliness are two of our greatest assets, as Sunday by Sunday she greets our visitors and members alike, as they come into our church. And what some of our folks may not know, she fills her 'Chevy' with Sunday school scholars, Sunday after Sunday, and brings them to hear the Word of God. Quietly, but effectively, she has a tremendous influence for God and His kingdom. First Church salutes our general N.F.M.S. president, and one of the people who has stood by First Church across the years."



WHAT MY CHURCH MEANS TO ME

By NAZARENE LAYMEN



Fourteen years ago, I was snatched from the clutches of the devil and immediately brought into the membership of the church by a wise pastor. With twelve years as Sunday school superintendent, eight on the district advisory board, and six on the General Board, mine has been a rich experience. I am truly thankful to Christ for salvation and to the Church of the Nazarene for taking me in.

But I am reminded that I need not serve on any board or in any certain place to make it to heaven. Rather, I must keep prayed up, paid up, and looking up, and completely shaken loose from the fetters of this old world.

In conclusion, I praise God for two daughters and a son who witness to the blessing of a Christian home and a Spirit-filled church.

MORRIS W. DAVIS
*Morris W. Davis Realty Company
Indianapolis, Indiana*



The Church is the most potent institution in force in civilization, particularly Western civilization. Its immense weight and influence are felt by society as a whole, by communities, by families, and by individuals.

My church emphasizes the basic truth that the religious spirit is a factor of great power in the individual. The religious spirit intensifies thought, enlarges hope, evokes the willingness to sacrifice, and gives coherence to service.

As we live for Christ and His Church, life is made worth living. As a public school educator, I recognize the leadership role of the Church in the lives of individuals and upon institutions. How else can mountains be removed and impossibilities overcome?

NORMAN B. SCHARER
*Superintendent
Santa Barbara City Schools
Santa Barbara, California*



I was taught to love the church when I knelt to lisp my bedside prayers. Church loyalty and love were the very atmosphere of our home. These attitudes were served up to us three times a day with our meals. All our conversation was flavored with it. It was emphasized at the family altar. Since my earliest recollection the church was the focal point of our lives. The church and its interests dominated our daily living.

Later, as head of my own household, I have tried to carry the ideals and influence of the church into my own home. Now, with two motherless girls as my responsibility, I need the church more than ever to lead them in the ways of God.

As never before I find myself looking to the church for inspiration, for fellowship, and an open door to service. If I lost my job, I probably would find another; if I should lose my home, I could build another; but if I lost my church, my life would be desolate indeed, for the church means everything to me. Nothing can replace it.

VERNON LUNN
*Merchandise Buyer
Sears-Roebuck and Company
Kansas City, Missouri*



I was taken to church by Christian parents until I was saved at fourteen years of age; then I found a desire to go of my own free will.

As the years have gone by, that desire has deepened until now my church means more to me than tongue or pen can really tell. The prayer meeting has become a tower of strength, as I share with others the joy of kneeling on holy ground. I have proved the testimony meeting to be a building up of one's most holy faith, after hearing what God has done for others. The joy of service in His house means everything to me.

RAYMOND PICKLES
Perthshire, Scotland



In 1911, I joined the Church of the Nazarene at Newton, Kansas. Its influences have helped me across the years. My wife and I met and married in the church. Our three children were raised in the church, and all are Christians. They were married in the church and belong to it.

The church has given me a place to work for souls in the N.Y.P.S., the Sunday school, and the many other church activities. It was my privilege

to be treasurer of the Florida District for thirty-nine years, and delegate to the General Assembly seven times. The church has spent my tithes and offerings to promote holiness.

I love the Church of the Nazarene for its doctrines of regeneration and entire sanctification, its high standards, fervent evangelism, schools, missionary interests, and forward program.

TITUS J. EBY
Retired Furniture Merchant
White Springs, Florida



Thirty-six years as a member of the Church of the Nazarene has given me time to evaluate its influence and worth. The early years of this relationship were a time of getting our roots down, so to speak, spiritually; and after I yielded my all in complete consecration, the precious Holy Spirit filled my heart with His presence, solving the dispositional problems that had harassed me. The church has given me a place to worship according

to the dictates of my heart. The spiritual atmosphere of our church gave us a place to raise our children for Christ, and today to have them with their families worshipping in the church that influenced my life brings great satisfaction to me. Thank God for the Church of the Nazarene!

ROY EDWARDS
Funeral Director
Hood River, Oregon



I am a most fortunate individual in that I was raised in a Nazarene family with all of the "Do's" and "Don'ts" of strict Nazarene doctrine. I have never found this to be a handicap but rather a most wonderful privilege that has taught me to enjoy life to the utmost.

My church has been the basis for giving me a most wonderful family, a good business, and many great friends. I wouldn't give up this way

of life for anything on this earth. I have found that His way is the only way for me and that I couldn't possibly do without my church.

MALCOLM F. MEGUIAR
Mirror Bright Polish Company
Pasadena, California



My church is most important in my life. She afforded me an altar where I turned over my all to the Saviour; since that time my church has been hallowed many times as a place of communion with my Lord. She is a place of retreat, revival, renewal of vows. She is a fountain of cleansing, an avenue of service, a place where God's voice is heard clearly through His ministers. She is all this and much more. Where but to my church could

I take my family for conviction, for training, and character molding? I love my church, a glorious church, washed in the blood of the Lamb.

WILLIAM H. COULTER
Manager, Calgary Co-operative
Fur Farmers' Association
Calgary, Alberta, Canada



WORSHIP: As the son of a Nazarene minister, my span of memory commences with the incident of my church. Early in life I became aware that the cause of Christ advances through the organization of consecrated people working together to tell the world of the transformation which can be wrought in their lives.

FELLOWSHIP: My church has been a center of Christian fellowship. In it I have built the most cherished of

lasting friendships.

EDUCATION: Through the church I was privileged to attend a Christian college during one of the most formative and critical periods of life.

I love the Church of the Nazarene, and am reminded that "those who love the Master love the church and give themselves for it."

J. WESLEY MIERAS
Attorney at Law
Pasadena, California



I appreciate the heritage my church has afforded me. Mother and Father first found God many years ago, before our church became a part of the Church of the Nazarene.

Among the most precious memories of the seven children in our family are the church associations and the simple faith of our parents.

I met the girl who was to become my wife in the church. Together we gave our hearts to Him, in the church

of our childhood.

My church has provided comfort, courage, and companionship, plus an opportunity to serve.

ELERY S. HARRIS
Department Manager
The Harris Company
Portland, Maine

Three Looks at Giving

By DAVID L. SAUCIER

Pastor, Geneva, Ohio

Love is giving. What we give and how we give largely reflect the object of our affection, and the intensity of our love for that person or thing.

In Simon's house, a sinner came into the presence of Jesus. She gave much to Jesus, for she loved Him much. Yet Simon's love to Jesus was small, and he gave Jesus nothing. Jesus said, "Simon, . . . I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for my feet: . . . Thou gavest me no kiss: . . . My head with oil thou didst not anoint" (Luke 7:44-46). Yet from the time the woman had entered, she began to wash His feet with tears and did wipe them with the hairs of her head, and kissed His feet, and anointed them with the ointment (Luke 7:38). Love is giving. She loved Jesus intensely, and she gave her all.

Love includes the following aspects of giving: giving up—sacrifice; giving in—surrender; and giving out—service. One can gauge the strength of his love to God by asking himself the following questions: (1) Has my love *given up* all things to place God first in my life? (2) Have I *given in* completely to God so that my will is surrendered to His divine will? (3) Has my love *given out* in Christian service where it has touched my neighbor?

The first question is answered by the man who found the pearl of great price. His love for that pearl was so great that he was willing to give up all to possess it. Peter and Andrew, casting their nets into the sea, were called by Jesus. They greatly loved Him, for they gave up all. "They straightway left their nets, and followed him" (Matthew 4:20). James and John followed in a similar experience. "And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him" (Matthew 4:22).

Love not willing to give up is wayward. Love willing to give up but only with reservations is weak and fickle. Love willing to give up all is winning and victorious.

The second question is answered by Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus said, "Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done" (Luke 22:42). Love *giving in*, Christ's complete surrender to the divine will, is revealed in His statement. Love became the victor, not the victim, of a stubborn will. No man can speak the commitment of his will to God except that love has compelled him. Love's declaration of surrender is, *Not my will, but thine, be done*.

The third question is emphasized in the conversation between Peter and Jesus. Jesus asked

Peter three questions about his love to Him. The implications from the questions could be as follows: First, Would Peter's love give up all for Him? "Lovest thou me more than these?" (John 21:15) Second, Did Peter's love include complete surrender to the will of God? Third, Would Peter's love give out in Christian service to his neighbor? Peter affirmed his love to Jesus. Three times Jesus emphasized the importance of love giving out. "Feed my sheep" (John 21:16-17).

Love is not only giving to God, but also giving to our neighbor. Who is our neighbor? A Jew was robbed, wounded, and left half dead. A priest, walking toward the injured, took special measures to avoid him. He neither gave up his journey nor gave in or out to the man's needs. His self-centered love measured zero, for he was grasping life for self and not giving life for service. A Levite gave up his way for a closer look. Yet, because his curiosity was without compassion, he went his way.

SYMPATHY

By FRANCES B. ERICKSON

*I feel sorry for the one who never lifts his eyes
Above the drudgery of days that scurry by,
To see the sunlight glisten on each lovely, shining
life
Or glimpse a pine tree etched against the sky.*

*I feel sorry for the one who never lifts his face
To listen to the symphony of stars—
The music of creation flowing from the heart of
time,
With its theme this mighty universe of ours.*

*I feel sorry for the one who never kneels to pray
Nor knows the joy of touching Heaven's throne;
I wonder if he really lives, or simply just exists,
Enslaved by self and, oh, so much alone!*

A good Samaritan approached. He loved greatly, for he greatly gave. His ignited love did not ignore his neighbor, for he gave up his way, his plans, his business engagements, his recreation, his all. Being a Samaritan, he gave up his strong prejudices against the wounded Jew. When his prejudices were canceled, his love contributed. He gave his possessions, his comforts, his time, and himself

to his neighbor. Love found its object and loved much, for love *gave* everything. This love was not self-centered, but God- and neighbor-centered. It was giving from the core of his heart to the circumference of life, where it touched his neighbor. The Good Samaritan knew that both sacrifice and surrender, which speak, "What's mine is yours if you need it more than I," are love giving out where it counts.

Let us possess and express a sacrificial, surrendered, giving love. This love will not enclose us in a small, selfish shell of life, but will open unlimited horizons for Christian service and victorious living.

Evangelize today—

Tomorrow May Be Too Late!

As the present-day holiness people, we can fully agree with the Psalmist when he said, "The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage" (Psalms 16:6).

The revelation of the gospel of Jesus Christ has brought unusual light to our manner of living. As redeemed people we have greatly enjoyed lively gospel singing, enthusiastic testifying, fervent praying, staunch second-blessing preaching, and joyful living.

In the main, our spiritual awakening came about through the fires of holy evangelism. By far the major portion of our membership found Christ in the heat of a Holy Ghost revival campaign.

However, with added light has come added responsibility. "We are debtors to every man to give him the gospel in the same measure as we have received it"—P. F. Bresee. In short, our position is to *evangelize today*. As we evangelize every day we "keep the keen edge on our Christian experience."—J. G. Morrison.

By the same token, if the fires of fervent evangelism ever leave the altars of our hearts, one of two elements becomes part of our living: dry rot or worldliness—either of which is fatal to the individual soul and the movement we represent.

Evangelize today! We live in an atomic world that could crumble overnight!

Evangelize today! Sudden death could cross our pathway and the light of our usefulness could be extinguished.

Evangelize today! In season, out of season, all seasons!

Evangelize today! This is the only generation we shall reach, the one we live with now. Rescue, revive, redeem them *now*.

Evangelize today! The Rapture is at hand.

The occasion calls for rugged, righteous living, red-hot with the white heat of revival redemptive power.

Evangelize today . . . tomorrow may be too late!

—Evangelist C. T. CORBETT

Nazarene Young People's Society and

PONDER W. GILLILAND
Executive Secretary

Nazarene Junior Society

Joplin Youth

Our summer camps are over on our district and what a time we have had! We have had our camps at beautiful Roaring River State Park near Cassville, Missouri, the past two years, and this year we had more campers than we knew what to do with.

Soon after the Regional Conference in Bethany last February we began to think quite seriously about a Laymen's Retreat for our young adults of the district. With the consent of our district superintendent we began working with the council, and on the week end between our Youth Institute and Boys' and Girls' Camp we held what proved to be a very successful Laymen's Retreat.

Some sixty laymen from across the district met together for the week end.

Only three ministers were in attendance, including our district superintendent. We did not attempt to keep a tight schedule at all. However, following the breakfast in the dining hall we had a period of devotions that seemed to help us off to a day of thrills with Christ and the out-of-doors.

Many of the parents present had children there for the previous week of Institute and also others coming the following week for Boys' and Girls' Camp. You should have seen those dads and moms doing K.P. Our desire is that another year we can have another such time with the laymen. We do not have much time from Friday afternoon through Sunday afternoon but it seems most worthwhile.

REV. J. R. SMITH
Joplin District President

Sharing the Bible Overseas Southeast Asia

The American Bible Society began its work in Thailand in 1837 and established its agency there in 1890. It serves the nearly twenty-four million people, most of whom are Theravada Buddhists, from its Bible House in Bangkok.

In 1958 the total circulation of Scriptures in Thailand reached the unprecedented figure of 540,456 copies. This remarkable increase was due in large part to the vigorous efforts of the resident secretary, who in turn credits it to "the faithfulness and loyalty of the staff and colporteurs of the Thailand Bible House, and the dedication and consecration of the missionaries and national Christians in communicating the Word of God to the people in Thailand. It also indicates the spiritual hunger on the part of the Thai people during this time of political uncertainty and rapid social change."

The administration of the work in the Philippines is under the able leadership of a Filipino national, assisted

by an American missionary who serves as business manager.

An increasing amount of local publication is being undertaken, especially as new revisions are being completed by the Translations Department. Circulation in the Philippines last year amounted to 191,341. The Bible van on Mindanao has been reaching remote villages where no church or mission has yet been established.

Ever since the bamboo curtain was closed around Red China, the Hong-kong Bible House has been the center for the publication of Chinese Scriptures being distributed in free Asia. The demand for these books throughout southeast Asia has been increasing annually, due in no small degree to the program of the Bible Societies among the overseas Chinese.



The Privilege of Responsibility

Monday:

"The privilege of responsibility"—I was startled into attention as the minister dropped the words in prayer, "We thank Thee, Lord, for the privilege of responsibility"—no more. Surely that was a slip of the tongue. Responsibility is duty, not privilege.

Yet Jesus said, "he gave . . . talents" to invest. His invitation to disciples was the promise of a responsible job: "Come after Me, and I will give you fishing to do." And the final honor is the responsibility of ten cities to rule. (Matthew 25:15a; Mark 1:17; Luke 19:17.)

Tuesday:

Responsibility a privilege, a gift, an honor—how? Only with responsibility assumed is *growing up* possible. Every boy wishes to be a man; he will remain a child until he learns the discipline of responsibility. With responsibility he comes of age. So, too, the growing up into Christ in all things, "a man in Christ." (Ephesians 4:13-15; II Corinthians 12:2.)

Wednesday:

Only with responsibility the crown of *individuality*. Why was I born? To

be myself, different from every person who ever lived, and that not by chance. "To every man his [own] work." Either face and accept responsibility or face the Button Moulder (with Ibsen's Peer Gynt, who always took the easy, irresponsible way), and into the melting pot with all the other irresponsibles who never found a genuine self. Everyone has a real self to be achieved, his by right; that is, God's particular pattern thought for him. (John 10:10; 21:21-22; Isaiah 43:1; Revelation 2:17.)

Thursday:

With responsible choice, the thrill of *creativity*. Right choices will issue in actions that go to make up beauty in many lives. Each day can be a work of art, each deed a new creation.

*I know not if, save in this,
Such gift be allowed to man,
That out of three sounds, he frame*
(those material, commonplace, even unlovely, painful things of ordinary experience)

Not a fourth sound, but a star.

—Browning.

There is no "star," and no joy, like the creation—with Christ—of a new Christian! (Romans 4:17-18; Isaiah 61:1-3; Psalms 90:17.)

Friday:

God-assigned responsibility gives *meaning to life* and a reason for living, living hard. Suicide is a natural for those aimless persons who have everything to live with and nothing to live for. The duty-privilege of opened eyes (to a lost world) and witnessing lips (to the power of Christ) gives the joy of being *needed*. Many a man has killed himself because he felt useless. God lets us feel He needs us. And He does. (Isaiah 40:1, 9; John 4:35b; Acts 1:8b.)

Saturday:

With responsibility, the joy of being *trusted*. God speaks to me; He puts important matters into my hands. He says to me, "I find thee worthy; do this thing for Me." Should He ever take the talent of responsibility away from me for failure to invest it, I should be desolate indeed. It would mean I had lost His confidence. (John 14:16; Matthew 25:28; 26:40b.)

Sunday:

"If ye love me, keep my commandments." "And I will love [you] . . . and my Father will love [you]." "And we will . . . make our abode with [you]." "I call you not servants; . . . I have called you friends." Here is the joy of *fellowship* with the One who bore responsibility for the redemption of the whole race. Here is the joy of "belonging"—of "togetherness"—the family of the King himself. (John 14:15, 21, 23; 15:15.)

"We thank Thee, Lord, for the privilege of responsibility."

The Sunday School Lesson

MENDELL
TAYLOR



Topic for
October 4:

"Ye Shall Be Witnesses"

SCRIPTURE: Acts 1 (Printed: Acts 1:1-14)

GOLDEN TEXT: *But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth* (Acts 1:8).

The Book of Acts of the Apostles has the word "Acts" in its title because it is the book of many acts. In contains many exciting, breath-taking, and dramatic events. It moves with the graphic pace of a thrilling drama. This book has also been called the Acts of the Holy Spirit or the Gospel of the Holy Spirit. As the first four books of the New Testament introduce Jesus and are called Gospels, in the same measure The Acts of the Apostles introduces the Holy Spirit and might be called the Gospel of the Holy Spirit.

(When our son was nine, he started reading the Bible for himself. He came to me one day and said he had just learned something new about the Bible. He said he found a book in the Bible entitled "Acts of the Apostles" and he had always thought it was the "Acts of the Apostles." That would not be a misfit, for the apostles became the cutting edge and the sharp instruments of the Holy Spirit as they established a beachhead for Christianity in an enemy-infested world.) The following orders are evident in the scripture under consideration:

The Order to Wait. Jesus was giving His final instructions to His followers, prior to the time of His departure. This order was given in these words: "They should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father" (v. 4). The disciples had received many high moments of revelation and inspiration as they contacted the resurrected Christ. They were burning with enthusiasm for His cause as they reveled in the memories of these frequent visits with the risen Lord. Nevertheless, Jesus insisted that they were not equipped for the mission before them. They must

arry and wait for the "promise of the Father" to be fulfilled in their lives. The provision of this promise was to fill them full of the Holy Ghost and power.

The Order to Witness. This order was given in these words: "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (v. 8). The disciples were to take their testimony to those in their home circle first of all (*Jerusalem*); then to their neighbors (*Judaea*); then to the strangers they might meet (*Samaria*); then give their message to those who were foreign to their race (*uttermost part of the earth*).

The Greek word *martyr* is translated *witness*. The disciples loved something better than life. They were willing to witness or testify for the cause they represented even at the cost of their lives.

The Order to Watch. This order was given in these words: "Why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven" (v. 11). The disciples were to work at the task assigned them, and at the same time they were to live as though the Lord might return at any moment. They were to keep all of their accounts up-to-date with Him, so that they would be prepared to meet Him when He returned in the same manner that He went away.

The Order of Welding. The disciples were welded into a unit as they returned to Jerusalem. They "all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication" (v. 14). Each disciple had his individual characteristics, but these differences were eclipsed as they were welded together by the fires of holy love. The order of their seating arrangement is given as follows: Peter, the practical man of deeds, is placed alongside John, the poet and dreamer; James, the one who always put courtesy first, is placed alongside Andrew, who was too curious to be courteous; Philip, who believed everything and trusted everybody, is placed alongside Thomas, the skeptic who always demanded proof; Nathanael, the guileless worshiper, is placed alongside Matthew, the publican and astute taxgatherer. They were welded into a harmonious whole in the midst of the diversity of personality types.

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I will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvellous works. I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most High (Psalms 9:1-2).

the Question box

Conducted by STEPHEN S. WHITE, Editor

Should the application of the teaching of separation from the world include sports?

The term "sports" takes in many different kinds of indoor and outdoor games as well as recreational activities which would not be called games. In the first group there would be tennis, basketball, and baseball, while in the latter there would be horseback riding, hunting, and fishing. Certainly I do not feel that being a Christian would rule out these and some other types of sports. Of course one would have to be careful about the company he keeps while indulging in the legitimate sports. Further, he would have to be sure not to desecrate the Sabbath in participating in these sports, or to give too much

time to them so that he neglected the more important phases of his life, such as his work and his religious duties. Therefore, if properly chosen and disciplined, sports are not only consistent with being a Christian but essential to being at one's best for God. The body needs the relaxation and exercise which it gets through sports. Also, they can have decidedly beneficial effect upon the mind and the spirit. Next to religion, there is nothing better than sports of the right type to refresh the body and keep the mind of youth clean.

It tells us in I Thessalonians that Christ will come as a thief in the night, and the Bible also says that two will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one will be left behind. Then in Revelation 1:7 it says that when Christ comes every eye shall see Him. Does this really mean that Christ will come twice more before the end of the world?

The writer of this question is a new convert of four months and the only Christian, so far, in his family. He gives a glowing testimony in his letter and is concerned about the salvation of his relatives and others. I am not surprised that he is interested in the second coming of Christ. Now as to the question. The first coming which you refer to has to do with the coming of Jesus for His bride. Only the members of His bride will be taken then. They will be caught up to meet their Saviour and Lord in the air. Then they will

be with Him until the tribulation is over (three to seven years), after which Jesus will come to the earth and set up His reign of a thousand years of peace—the millennium. This is the way some of Christ's followers have explained the two types of scriptures which you mention. There is really only one coming of Jesus—the first stage of His return is the meeting in the air; the second is when He sets up His kingdom on the earth, or the millennium, and the third is the final judgment.

Do you believe that the Old Testament saints (Abraham, Jacob, David, Samuel, Isaiah, etc.) were sanctified wholly? I am under the impression that most, if not all, "second blessing" preachers do so believe. Now if the above could so experience entire sanctification before Pentecost, why could not Christ's disciples obtain this experience before Pentecost?

In the fifth chapter of his great book *The Gospel of the Comforter*, Daniel Steele says: "Entire sanctification except in a ceremonial sense was not enjoyed by the Old Testament saints." Then he goes right on to say that Isaiah was an exception to this rule. He was sanctified in the New Testament sense. Also he does not bar the possibility of other Old Testament saints being sanctified. Dr. H. Orton Wiley, on page 305 of the second volume of his *Christian Theology*, in discussing "The Holy Spirit in His Preparatory Economy," gives us these words: "The Spirit, therefore, no less than the Son, was the promise of the Father, and this in a two-fold manner. There is both a forward and a backward look—the Spirit being given in fulfillment of the promise; and given as an earnest of a promise yet unful-

filled. The crowning promise of the Father was the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost." Just as people today can look back to Pentecost and be sanctified wholly, so in the Old Testament they could look forward to the promise of Pentecost and be sanctified wholly. No doubt Dr. Wiley would agree with Dr. Steele in making the latter exceptional when compared with the former. Again, Dr. Wiley speaks of some Old Testament characters who touched the faith-line and were sanctified wholly. As to Christ's disciples, it was not necessary for them to contact the faith-line and look forward to get their Pentecost. They had the opportunity of doing better than this—they could be present at the beginning of the new dispensation and participate in this glorious experience.



GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CRUSADE 1956-60

Department of Evangelism

V. H. LEWIS, Secretary

EVANGELISTIC HONOR ROLL

The following churches have been presented a certificate for "new Nazarenes" received into membership this assembly year. Each church listed has qualified according to the regulations of church membership for its group as follows:

GROUP	MEMBERSHIP	GAIN REQUIRED	GROUP	MEMBERSHIP	GAIN REQUIRED
I	1-24	5	IV	150-299	18
II	25-74	9	V	300-499	25
III	75-149	12	VI	500 & over	35

The Crusade for Souls Commission joins the entire church to express congratulations to these pastors and their churches!

Church	Pastor	Present Membership	Gain
CHICAGO CENTRAL DISTRICT			
Paxton	S. E. Farris	19	7
Clifton	W. L. Frakes	35	13
Naperville	F. D. Robbins	35	10
Watseka	J. L. Bright	51	9
Bradley	G. J. Franklin	60	13
Aurora	L. E. Jantz	66	12
Elgin	D. J. Smith	72	11
Danville Southside	F. Foster	130	20
Joliet	C. B. Armes	135	12
Chicago Heights	B. M. Carmony	149	20
COLORADO DISTRICT			
Denver Derby	H. T. Leppard	42	15
Loveland	D. E. Bland	90	16
Lamar	W. C. Keith	126	15
Greeley Sunnyview	W. E. Heizer	138	13
Colorado Springs Trinity	E. R. Verbeck	140	14
Denver Southside	J. D. Hamilton	284	32
ILLINOIS DISTRICT			
Robinson	E. E. Florence	20	6
West Union	V. Hammond	28	14
Salem Grace	P. Lee	42	13
Marshall	J. W. Barrick	57	21
Bethel	C. H. Carroll	66	9
Carmi	C. Young	66	9
Villa Grove	F. Hagley	93	13
Mount Vernon	W. E. Allison	108	14
E. St. Louis Crestview	H. Glaze	109	32
Georgetown	J. L. Longnecker	131	16
Granite City	R. D. Beaty	144	21
Olney	O. Cooper	178	28

Church	Pastor	Present Membership	Gain
IOWA DISTRICT			
Winterset	Mrs. E. McKinney	8	8
Mount Pleasant	P. Hesler	18	5
Sioux City Highland Pk.	M. Schmidt	18	5
Atlantic	D. M. Kelley	34	24
Ames	R. V. Schultz	57	9
Britt	S. Abel	73	10
Cedar Rapids First	F. E. Whitlatch	196	20

KENTUCKY DISTRICT			
Louisville Westside	R. L. Horton	19	10
Corydon	V. Womack, Jr.	21	7
New Liberty	A. Souder	29	29
Owensboro Grace	C. Herrell	29	11
Stanford	C. W. Wiley	40	28
Louisville Valley	C. W. Snider	51	18
Louisville Lynnhurst	D. Austrew	59	9
Naomi	O. Lobb	91	15
Columbia	C. Sloan	96	22
Lexington Lafayette	C. E. McCracken	120	10
Henderson	R. Altman	162	32
Louisville Camp Taylor	O. C. Huff	174	33
Lexington First	T. May	220	18

SOUTHWEST INDIANA DISTRICT			
Newbern	O. M. Young	20	5
Springs Valley	J. W. Jones	28	14
Rockville	M. Jackson	32	9
Huntingburg	N. Rumbley	35	12
Dale	C. N. Bailey	39	11
Shoals	E. Holt	42	12
Boonville	L. T. Reed	50	14
Terre Haute South Side	M. L. Hoard	60	11
Cory	V. Souder	63	16
Valley Mission	H. Small	73	10
Kurtz	J. B. Blume	77	16
Stinesville	R. A. Carter	110	13
Greencastle	S. Schimpf	130	12
Terre Haute First	J. C. Collins	176	21
New Albany First	M. Hamilton	84	20
Seymour First	B. G. Wiggs	333	38

VIRGINIA DISTRICT			
Pulaski	A. T. Underwood	38	9
Marion	E. G. Wright	40	10
Petersburg Ettrick	G. Baun	45	11
Richmond Southside	W. O. Holloway	54	11
Portsmouth	H. L. Kohser	70	12
Arlington Calvary	C. D. Withrow	237	26
Roanoke First	R. Schurman	261	24



Foreign Missions

REMISS REHFELDT, Secretary

Missionaries on the Move

Miss Ruth Saxon is home on furlough from Trinidad. Her address is 6633 Walrond Avenue, Kansas City 30, Missouri.

Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Ratcliff have recently furloughed from Trinidad also. Their address is 1401½ W. Houston, Visalia, California.

Dr. and Mrs. Ira Cox are on furlough from India. Dr. Cox is opening

up a private medical practice while home. His address is 7404 Village Drive, Prairie Village, Kansas.

Rev. and Mrs. Donald Reed, on furlough from Lebanon, are living at 1049 Whitehorse Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey.

Rev. and Mrs. Howard Sayes have returned to Trinidad for a second term of service. Their address is Box 444, Port of Spain, Trinidad, W.I.

The address of Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Ainscough, on furlough from Argentina in England, is Missionary Guest House, Selly Oak, Birmingham 29, England.

Report on Danny York

Danny is making progress in his recovery from polio. His arms are showing good response to physical therapy and he even has a nice grip in one hand. His lungs are now 100 per cent normal. However we don't know just how much use of his legs he will have, except as God touches him. His shoulders are weak, and we are asking God to strengthen them so that Danny can be supported by crutches. It will also

aid in the exercise of his legs. We have complete confidence that God is able to restore Danny to health and strength. We want His best will for Danny whatever that may be. Please continue to pray with us for Danny.—MRS. LEONARD YORK, *British Honduras missionary*.

Puerto Rican Newsletter

The first Spanish Nazarene camp meeting in the eastern United States is now history. The times of fellowship, spiritual blessings, altar scenes of sweeping victory, and practical lessons learned will not soon be forgotten by those present. The impact of the camp will be felt on down through the year, and will reach the farthest corner of our new district.

Just one year ago this month Rev. and Mrs. Harold Hampton arrived in this area to begin work. Who would have dreamed that in a short year's time a Spanish camp meeting would be held? Much of the credit goes to Brother Robert Goslaw for the work he accomplished among the Puerto Ricans previous to the arrival of the Hamptons. We are made to praise God for His goodness to us and the wonderful way in which He has led the work

on. We felt that if we could have forty people registered, our camp would be a great success. The actual registration was sixty, and on the last Sunday we fed nearly ninety people.

All our Spanish-speaking people cooperated to make the camp a definite success. They were united in harmony and a spiritual effort to see the needy in heart satisfied, with the result that we had thirty folk at the altar seeking God for definite salvation or heart cleansing. The great majority were young people—a beautiful promise for the future of our work. Conviction was deep, tears flowed freely, confessions were made, promises to God were crystallized, and the Holy Spirit made himself real to seeking hearts. Nazarenes anywhere would have felt right at home in that atmosphere.

None of this would have been possible if it were not for the kindness, generosity, Christian love, and missionary spirit of the wonderful Nazarenes of the New York District, who so readily and wholeheartedly put at our disposal all the facilities of their district campgrounds, besides leaving us quantities of foodstuffs free of charge. To Superintendent Goslaw, members of the camp meeting board, and to all the loyal Naz-

arenes of the New York District, we say a great big THANK-YOU, and may God richly bless you!

Progress at San Isidro

Nearly three months have passed since our move to San Isidro. We are encouraged over the progress of the work. Souls are being saved in the services. The first month the Sunday school average was 12; the second, 19. Several who have not yet come have bought Bibles. Help us pray that light will come to their hearts and they will walk in it, not fearing what friends and neighbors will say about them if they accept Christ. Many contacts are being made through the dispensary. The second month, 391 patients were treated; this month the number will exceed that. People seem to appreciate the fact that this ministry has been brought to them.

We have found a good lot for the dispensary and no one has seemed the least bit reluctant to sell to us. We feel this expresses their welcome for us. God has led us here and done for us exceedingly abundantly above what we have asked or thought.—LESPER HEFLIN, *Nicaragua*.

Servicemen's Corner



Contact Is the Secret

"When flying a plane, there is one thing the pilot must always maintain for safety. He must keep 'in contact' with the world below.

"In order for our Nazarene youth to enter military service, and later return to the church, a better Christian, there must be close contact maintained at all times. The flying tragedies occur when contact is lost. Our servicemen must maintain contact to prevent their loss to the church.

"He must keep contact with the local church. This can be done by correspondence with the pastor or someone in the church—he is grateful for letters from anyone, and no doubt will answer promptly.

"He should keep contact by attendance, if possible. Wherever you are, hunt the nearest Church of the Nazarene and attend. The Nazarene Servicemen's Commission puts out a list of churches near nearly every military installation around the world.

"Keep contact by sending your tithe home. How it thrills the local church to receive it, not just for the financial content, but for your remembrance! They will feel they have a 'missionary at the front' and will pray harder for you.

"Attend every district and youth function that you can. Military regulations usually permit

this, three days plus travel time. Take in all of these gatherings that you can. Wear your uniform, for how else will they know you are a Nazarene serviceman and invite you home for dinner?

"Keep contact with the Nazarene Servicemen's Commission. This entire organization is set up for your assistance. When you move, send them your new address. They are doing a wonderful job, but their biggest headache is not how to help you, but how to find you.

"Above and beyond all, keep in contact with your Lord. When the mails fail and friends forget, He will still be standing beside you. If you walk the lonely ramp at midnight on strange soil, you'll find Him surprisingly close. When in the crowded barracks surrounded by the secular and often profane, His presence can be a cleansing tonic to a discouraged spirit.

"So don't forget the word contact; it stands for safety and pleasant journey as you embark upon your new military mission. You can stay true to God and be a real missionary to the military, and turn some to God."—CHAPLAIN (MAJOR) EVERETT D. PENROD, USAF.

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NEWS of the Churches



Barnsley, Yorkshire, England



The new church building at Barnsley, Yorkshire, was opened on July 4, when two hundred people assembled in joyful thanksgiving to God. The opening ceremony was performed by Mr. J. H. Whitaker, architect, and the dedication sermon was preached by Rev. J. B. MacLagan, district superintendent. The building is situated at the corner of Oxford Street, on the main Sheffield Road, and has accommodation for two hundred people, with two classrooms at the rear, and a vestry. It is built of brick

and cost approximately five thousand pounds; the total indebtedness is under two thousand pounds. The church is in a thickly populated area and there has been a decided improvement in attendance; the Sunday school is already twice the size it was. A visitation program has been started and open-air services are being held. We ask our Nazarenes everywhere to pray for this new church in the British Isles South District.—RICHARD RIGBY, *Pastor*.

Evangelist Joseph W. Peters reports: "August 9 through 23, Mrs. Peters and I were with Pastor C. A. Cronk and his good people at Carrier Mills, Illinois. Brother and Sister Cronk are doing a good work in the church there and are much loved and appreciated by the people. They have a fine group of laymen. It was a privilege to work with this fine pastor and his church."

Evangelist Daniel Stafford reports: "This has been the best summer I have known in the seven years I have been in the evangelistic field. God has wonderfully blessed in both camps and revivals. I begin my fall slate looking to God and believing for victory. Due to a cancellation, I have an open date in February of 1960; would be glad to slate this time as the Lord may lead. Write me, Box 207, Southport, Indiana."

Pastor Glenn W. Bounds reports: "The North Texarkana (Texas) Church, which is less than six years old, has experienced a wonderful growth. There are 91 church members on the roll, most of them having been received by profession of faith. The Sunday school enrollment is near the 200 mark, with an average attendance of 111 for the last

assembly year, and 118 during August. The church has a wonderful property, and finances have been good. After serving here for more than three years, I have resigned to accept a unanimous call to our church in Bristow, Oklahoma."

Evangelist Harold C. Frodge reports: "In August, I finished my eighth year of evangelistic work; preached 340 times in 25 revivals on 8 districts. Eight years' grand total—171,223 outside contacts; conducted 178 revivals, averaging 22 per year; preached 2,492 times to 35,347 people. I am remaining in the field; thanking God for good health, good religion, a good church, and a great opportunity to preach the gospel."

Cullman, Alabama—Recently First Church closed one of the best revivals in years. It was a joy to see many of our people pray through to victory. Rev. Wayne Sears of Norman, Oklahoma, was the evangelist, and preached with the anointing of God in each service. Brother Kenneth Moore of Birmingham was the singer, and God's blessings were upon him. In the closing service a good class was added to the church membership. We praise God for His presence.—A. M. PRUITT, *Pastor*.

Evangelists A. E. and Pauline Miller write: "Due to a change in our slate, we have an open date, November 25 to December 6. We are now in our sixteenth year in the evangelistic field, and carry the whole program—preaching, singing, special music, chalk artistry, and children's work. We will go wherever the Lord may lead. Write us, 307 S. Delaware Street, Mt. Gilead, Ohio."

Rev. Paul E. Hess writes: "After pastoring the church in Orangeburg, South Carolina, for two years, we felt led of the Lord to accept a call to the church in Corbin, Kentucky. The people have received us wonderfully, as well as our fellow pastors on the Eastern Kentucky District. We are happy in the will of God."

Rev. T. J. Daggett reports: "Coming to First Church in Wausau, Wisconsin, one year ago after leaving the evangelistic field, I found a wonderful group of people who love God and wanted to see a Church of the Nazarene in this fine city of over thirty thousand population. God has richly blessed spiritually and financially. We have redecorated the church and parsonage, and the congregation have purchased a new piano and organ, a great asset to the services. We have accepted a unanimous three-year call and have plans to start a new church building in the spring. Please pray for us and the work here."

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Pastor Harry Moyer reports: "Coming to the Northwest Oklahoma District in September of 1954, we accepted the work of the Cedar Springs Church, where we found a fine group of people. They received us graciously and we have enjoyed our labors with them. During these five years harmony has prevailed throughout the church. In this time the Lord helped us to clear all the indebtedness on the property; oak floors were put in the church, new rugs purchased for the platform and around the altar, and the church redecorated inside. Also improvements were made on the parsonage. During these five years every budget was paid in full each year, with the largest amount now being given for general interests in the history of the church. The all-time record for Sunday school attendance was broken on Easter Sunday. Feeling our work was finished here, we accepted a unanimous call to the church at Guthrie. Our son who has been called to the ministry is supplying the Cedar Springs Church until the new pastor arrives. We have found a fine group of people at Guthrie and feel there is a great opportunity."

The Pathfinders' girls' camp was held July 20 through 24, at the Akron District Nazarene Center, Louisville, Ohio, with a total of 107 girls attending. Under the capable leadership of the director, Mrs. Frances Brickley, and the inspiring messages of Mrs. Ruth Poole, the camp was a tremendous success. From the first chapel service to the last campfire service, girls came to the altar seeking and finding Christ as their personal Saviour. Also Miss Elizabeth Elvert's personal experience of her call to be a missionary was very beneficial to those present, as well as inspirational. —LOIS ROBERTS, Reporter.

The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot. The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage (Psalms 16:5-6).

I will love thee, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer, my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower (Psalms 18:1-2).

Missouri District N.Y.P.S. Convention

The thirty-sixth annual N.Y.P.S. convention of the Missouri District was held on August 10, at the District Center, Pine Crest, Fredericktown, Missouri. Dr. Wm. Greathouse of Nashville, Tennessee, was the special speaker. His inspiring messages gave consideration to the general theme, "Witnessing to Win!"

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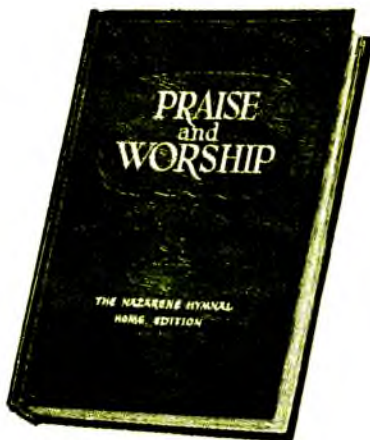
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The following officers were elected for the new year: J. D. Cook, president; Millard Reed, vice-president; Robert H. Gray, secretary; Dan Ballinger, treasurer; Sandra Garner and Mark Volkman, teen-age representatives.

The Missouri young people are moving forward to serve this district and its generation.—ROBERT H. GRAY, *Reporter*.

East Tennessee District Youth Camp and N.Y.P.S. Convention

Our youth camp held in June is one long to be remembered by the youth of the East Tennessee District. This was

the second year we have had a separate youth camp; we had around two hundred enrolled, an increase of nearly fifty over last year.

Under the Spirit-anointed preaching of Rev. Joe Bean the services were blessed with the outpouring of the Holy Ghost. The altar services were fruitful, with scores of young people praying through in the old-fashioned way, finding God in pardon and sanctifying power.

The N.Y.P.S. convention on July 29 was also blessed and honored of the Lord. Rev. Douglas Reid, president, has endeared himself to all of us. His convention message challenged the hearts of our young people to greater victories and higher heights for the Lord.

Officers elected for the new year were —Douglas Reid, president; James Matthews, treasurer; and Jasper Jenkins, secretary.—JASPER JENKINS, *Reporter*.

Joplin District Youth Institute

The second annual youth institute of the Joplin District was held at Camp Smokey in Roaring River State Park, near Cassville, Missouri, June 29 to July 3.

One of the high lights of the camp was the oratorical contest on Monday evening. Miss Elaine Colvin from Fort Scott, Kansas, was declared winner on the district level. Her subject was "The Causes of Juvenile Delinquency."

Rev. Claude Pittenger, camp director, had anticipated the many usual "kinks and bottlenecks," and had organized the camp accordingly. As a result, everything ran smoothly from the very beginning.

With a near-capacity crowd for Camp Smokey, we enjoyed the presence of the Lord in gracious altar services time and again following the powerful, Spirit-anointed messages of the special speaker, Rev. James Hamilton, from Denver, Colorado.

The young people of our district are co-operative and enthusiastic. All of us look forward to an even greater institute next year.—J. R. SMITH, *District President*.

Iowa District Assembly and Camp

The forty-seventh annual assembly, conventions, and camp meeting of the Iowa District convened August 10 to 16. Dr. D. I. Vanderpool presided with ease, and his humble spirit and inspiring messages were deeply appreciated by all.

Substantial gains were reported. The Sunday school showed a gain of 465 in enrollment and a gain of 133 per Sunday in average attendance.

Dr. Gene E. Phillips has completed the second year of his three-year call as district superintendent. As an expression of the love and appreciation of the district, a cash love offering of almost nine hundred dollars was given to Dr. Phillips.

In the ordination service three men were given elder's orders—Lyle Borger, Philip Eigsti, and Gene C. Phillips.

Rev. Roy Bettcher, camp evangelist, was at his best, and Professor Warnie Tippitt, in his characteristic and effi-

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cient manner, directed the music. God met with us, for which we give Him praise, and now look forward to a year of continued blessing.—E. J. STRONG, *Reporter*.

Joplin District Laymen's Retreat

Almost seventy adults from across the Joplin District converged on restful Camp Smokey in Roaring River State Park near Cassville, Missouri, on the afternoon of July 4. This was the beginning of a week end of sheer relaxation and worship, sponsored by the District N.Y.P.S.

The plan was to provide a week-end camp geared to the needs of the young adults of our district, although no maximum age limit was mentioned. It was interesting to watch the men do K.P. This brought back to many the childhood days of summer camps.

Mrs. Dean Baldwin taught the Sunday school lesson on Sunday morning, and Rev. Dean Baldwin, district superintendent, brought a timely and challenging message to the group before we closed the Retreat with a delicious meal prepared by Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Shurley, chefs for the Retreat.—J. R. SMITH, *District N.Y.P.S. President*.

Canada West District Camp Program

From zero to more than five hundred in five years! Such is the remarkable record of the Canada West District camp program. On August 15 four consecutive weeks of camps were concluded. During this time hundreds of young people heard and responded to the call of the Creator in the midst of His handiwork.

An unusual feature introduced this year was the dividing of the teen-age camp into Tween Camp for those twelve to fourteen, and Institute for the older group. A record number of 270 registered for these two camps.

Rev. Dwayne Hildie directed the first two weeks of Camp Eagle Feather, while Rev. Glen Follis and Rev. Charles Muxworthy assumed leadership of the teen-age camps. As Institute chaplain, Dr. Edward Lawlor, district superintendent, ably ministered under the unction of the Spirit. On the final Friday evening, seventy-five young people made a definite commitment to witness to at least one person in the next year with a view toward winning him to Christ.

In addition to the spectacular numerical growth of our camp program, district grounds and facilities have also been acquired. We thank God for His hand of blessing on this all-important phase of our youth work.—RON BORDEN, *Reporter*.

Tennessee District Assembly

What many described as the best assembly we have ever had was held at Grace Church, Nashville, Tennessee, August 19 and 20. Dr. D. I. Vanderpool was the presiding officer.

The report of our district superintendent, Rev. C. E. Shumake, now serving the second year of a three-year term, indicated gains along every line.

Delegates elected to the General Assembly were: ministerial: C. E. Shumake, Wm. Greathouse, George Scutt, J. E. Beckum, C. T. Duckett, and Claude Galloway; lay—Mrs. C. E. Shumake, John T. Benson, Jr., James Pate, Homer Adams, Paul Eby, and James E. Agee.

In a special Trevecca Nazarene College service, nearly \$35,000 was pledged for the new \$250,000 A. B. Mackey Library.

The assembly closed with an impressive ordination service, in which seven young ministers received elder's orders: Wm. E. Shelton, Fred Agee, Woodrow F. Moore, Gerald Laing, Bea Atkisson, R. B. Dowd, Ottis Doregan. Also in this service, the credentials of the Reverend Mr. Bender, from a sister holiness denomination, were recognized.—EDWARD F. COX, *Reporter*.

OUR SAVIOUR HEARS

By WALTER E. ISENHOUR

*Our Saviour hears the humble cry
Of those who weep and mourn and sigh,
And turns no sincere hearts away
That worship Him from day to day.*

*Sometimes the tempter tries us hard
And fights until we're battle-scarred,
But when we're in some fiery test
Our Lord will do for us His best.*

*He never leaves a struggling saint
To suffer needlessly and faint,
If we but trust Him as we should
And stand where men of faith have stood.*

*He has the saving, keeping grace
For all who strive to fill their place,
And do His will from day to day
Along life's straight and narrow way.*

Deaths

REV. WM. MURRAY GROGAN GREENE

William Murray Grogan Greene, Nazarene elder, died August 14, 1959, in Brooklyn, New York. He was born July 18, 1877, in Barbados, B.W.I. He was converted in Barbados, and came to the United States in 1902. He was a member of the Church of the Nazarene for fifty-two years. He was one of the founders of Miller Memorial Church of the Nazarene, which he pastored for thirty-seven years. He was ordained to the ministry in 1925. He was the senior elder of the New York District. He was married to Clementina Kirtan in 1898. To this union were born ten children, four of whom preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife, four sons, and two daughters. Fellow elders of the district served as honorary pallbearers and also assisted in the service which was held at the Newman Memorial Methodist Church, Brooklyn. The service was conducted by Rev. James Jessamy, and the eulogy given by Rev. Alfred D. Mason, at the request of Rev. Robert I. Goslaw, district superintendent. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery.

REV. WALTER E. STOGDILL

Walter E. Stogdill was born August 24, 1888, at Elkinsville, Indiana, and died at his home in Blackstone, Illinois, August 9, 1959. He was a retired minister in the Church of the Nazarene; among his pastorates were churches at Marseilles and Argo, Illinois; and Ashland, Wisconsin. He is survived by his wife, Mary; two daughters, Mrs. Leona Curtis and Mrs. Helen Ewers; and three sons, Ray, Wilbur, and Dean; also by three sisters and one brother. Funeral service was held in the Streator Church of the Nazarene, with Rev. Riley Laymon in charge, assisted by Rev. Harry Morrow and Rev. Byron Carmony. Interment was in Phillips Cemetery at Streator.

MRS. MAUDE M. EBY was born March 13, 1900, in Nevada, Iowa, and was reared in Crawfordsville, Indiana; she died in Orlando, Florida, June 25, 1959. She was the daughter of James A. and Mary L. Porter. She married Reuben J. Eby on October 12, 1919. They resided in Miami until three years ago, when they moved to Orlando, Florida. She was a member of Central Church of the Nazarene in Orlando. Her Christian life will not soon be forgotten. She is survived by her husband, Reuben; one daughter, Mary Elizabeth; two sons, Paul Joseph and James David; also one brother and three sisters. Funeral services were conducted in Orlando and in Miami, with her pastor, Rev. Charles D. Ide, officiating. Interment was in Flagler Memorial Park, Miami, Florida.

DONALD GIBBS was born in Colony, Kansas, April 10, 1898, and died June 13, 1959, at the age of sixty-one. Mr. Gibbs, blind since a month after his birth, was a well-known piano tuner over the state of Kansas. In 1942 he was united in marriage to Miss Elsie Snowbarger; they met while they were students at the School for the Blind in

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Kansas City. She also had been blind since she was two years old. To this union two daughters were born, Norma and Marie. Mr. Gibbs, with his family, have been active members of First Church of the Nazarene in Hutchinson, Kansas, for a number of years. He was a lover of music, and gave many recitals of Christian music. He is survived by his wife, Elsie; the two daughters; also his father, one brother, and five sisters.

MRS. ANNIE R. WOLF was born July 16, 1879, in Clear Spring, Maryland, and died August 10, 1959, in a hospital in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. She was united in marriage to Lewis D. Wolf on January 31, 1900. To this union were born eight children, four of whom survive. Her husband, a former Nazarene elder, preceded her in death in 1953. She, her husband, and family joined the Church of the Nazarene in 1928. She served along with her husband in eight churches on the Pittsburgh District. She is survived by two daughters: Mrs. Lydia Shaffer, of Johnstown, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Ruth Green, of Richmond, Virginia; and two sons: Rev. Earl C. Wolf, of Kansas City, Missouri; and Rev. George L. Wolf, of Allentown, Pennsylvania. She was a member of First Church of the Nazarene in Johnstown. Funeral service was conducted from the church by her pastor, Rev. George P. Woodward, with interment in Grandview Cemetery, Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

DR. CHARLES FRANCIS AYCOCK, of Eagle Rock, California, died August 4, 1959. He was born in West Point, Mississippi. He had practiced in Los Angeles for over forty years, but had retired and had been a resident of Eagle Rock for nineteen years.

He was a member of the Church of the Nazarene for over fifty years, and a charter member of the Highland Park Church. He was a devoted Christian, loved by all who knew him. He is survived by his wife, Ethel; a brother, Dr. Jarrette Aycock, of Kansas City, Missouri; a brother, George; and a sister, Allie, of Oklahoma; also a daughter by a previous marriage, Mrs. Carter, of Los Angeles. Funeral service was conducted at Eagle Rock, with interment in Grandview Memorial Park, Glendale, California.

Announcements

RECOMMENDATION—Rev. John Salyer is entering Trevecca Nazarene College and will be available for revivals and week-end meetings within driving distance of the college. He has pastored First Church, Inez, Kentucky, for two years. I recommend him to the consideration of our pastors and churches.—D. S. Somerville, Superintendent of Eastern Kentucky District.

WEDDING BELLS

Miss Sara Jeanine Whitcanack of Kansas City, Missouri, and Jimmy Lee Bond of Center, Colorado, were united in marriage on August 22 at Kansas City First Church, with Rev. Stanley Whitcanack, father of the bride, officiating, assisted by Dr. Orville Jenkins, pastor of First Church.

Miss Charlene Fay Smith of Pittsburgh, and Charles D. Acheson of Butler, Pennsylvania, were united in

marriage on August 14 at the Church of the Nazarene in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, with the bride's grandmother, Rev. E. Fay Ireland, of Pittsburgh, officiating, assisted by Rev. R. B. Acheson, district superintendent and father of the groom.

BORN—to Rev. Udell and Doris (Miller) Moss of St. Louis, Missouri, a daughter, Sheryl Ann, on August 26.

—to Mr. Bob and Deanna (Lenn) Keeton of Bourbonnais, Illinois, a daughter, Michelle Lynne, on August 25.

—to James and Lois (Gullett) Malone of Kokomo, Indiana, a daughter, Carol Beth, on August 17.

—to Denver and Becky Yates of Pensacola, Florida, a daughter, Patti Alane, on August 9.

—to Marion and Wilma (Montgomery) Snowbarger of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, a son, Marion Lawrence II ("Larry"), on August 1.

—to Lauren and Sandra Ide Larsen of Grand Rapids, Michigan, twin sons, Larry Walter and Lauren Dee, on June 12.

SPECIAL PRAYER IS REQUESTED by a Christian mother in Mississippi, who loves God and His Church and wants to do His will, that God will undertake in a special way for her husband and other loved ones, and that she may be true to God in spite of home conditions;

by a Christian friend in Montana for a man who needs God desperately—that God will bring salvation and deliverance to his heart—his mother is saved and attends the Church of the Nazarene;

by a Christian brother in Ohio that he may be forgiven and delivered and find real victory in God, so he may be a soul winner;

by a Christian in Mississippi for a friend who is having trouble with her in-laws and needs God's special help and direction, also for an unspoken request;

by a Christian lady in Kansas for her husband seriously ill with ulcers and colon trouble, that God may help him physically and also spiritually;

by a Christian lady in Tennessee for a daughter-in-law to be saved and sanctified, and for two special unspoken requests;

by a lady in Indiana that "I will get back to the Lord and get peace in my soul"—she sends in her subscription for the Herald.

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